

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-20 have been rejected.

Claims 21 and 22 have been objected to.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 14, and 15 have been amended as set forth herein.

Claims 21 and 22 have been withdrawn herein.

Claims 1- 20 remain pending in this application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner objected to Claims 21-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but suggested that Claims 21-22 would be allowable if it were rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

Claims 4 and 21 have been rolled into Claim 1. Claims 14 and 22 have been rolled into Claim 11. Claims 4 and 14 have been amended to include the language “wherein the first MANET node is a cell phone”. This amendment is fully supported by the original specification, including paragraph [030] of the original specification.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicants assert that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that this Application be passed to issue.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@munckcarter.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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